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		Application Number	10 / 562,662
		Filing Date	DECEMBER 28, 2005
		Group Art Unit	
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LONGITUDINAL PLUNGING UNIT WITH CAGE SECURING MEANS

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

 is attached hereto

OR

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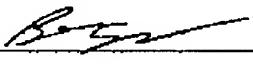
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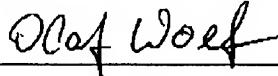
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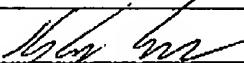
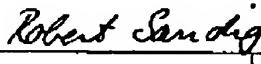
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